

At page 11, amend the second paragraph under the heading "Determination of Roughness" to read as follows:

In this case too, the samples according to the invention  
*SuB*  
*PJ* featured clearly better roughness values than the samples from V1 and V2, whereby the sample from V1 clearly fell in relation to the sample from V2.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 11 and 14 as follows:

*B3*  
*SuB*  
*b7* 1. (Twice Amended) Support material coated on at least one side with a synthetic resin, containing a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the pigment coating contains at least about 5% by weight of a pigment having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% of the pigment particles have a size of less than about  $1\mu\text{m}$  and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of 0.35 to  $0.8\mu\text{m}$ .

*12-11.* (Twice Amended) Process for the manufacture of a support material coated on at least one side with a synthetic resin, containing a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment coating, applying a coating containing at least one pigment on the front side of the raw paper, at least about 5% by weight of the pigment having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% of the pigment

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Cont* particles have a size of less than about  $1\mu\text{m}$ , and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of  $0.35$  to  $0.8\mu\text{m}$ , and applying a resin on the side of the raw paper coated with the pigment, by extrusion, at a speed of up to 600 m/min.

*B5  
S1B  
C* ~~15 14. (Twice Amended) Support material for an ink-jet recording sheet comprising a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the pigment coating contains at least about 5% by weight of a pigment having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% of the pigment particles have a size of less than about  $1\mu\text{m}$  and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of  $0.35$  to  $0.8\mu\text{m}$ .~~

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification, page 3, are to eliminate redundant language and conform the grain size to the sizes originally set forth in the claims, and to pages 8 and 11 to correct minor inadvertent errors in the original application. The amendments to the claims are solely for purposes of clarification. None of the amendments herein are intended to alter the scope of the invention in any aspect.